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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PARM, FR, US

SUBJECT: GENERAL MERY'S QUERY CONCERNING US SURVEILLANCE OF  
SOUTH AFRICAN TEST SITE.

REF: PARIS 25178

DEPARTMENT HAS CLEARED SUBSTANCE OF A RESPONSE BY GENERAL  
BROWN TO GENERAL MERY. WE AGREED THAT, IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN  
MILITARY-TO-MILITARY CHANNEL AND FRENCH COOPERATION ON  
ISSUE OF SOUTH AFRICAN NUCLEAR DEVELOPMENT, GENERAL BROWN  
SHOULD RESPOND AS DIRECTLY AS SECURITY CONSIDERATIONS ALLOW  
TO MERY'S QUESTIONS. TEXT OF BROWN'S RESPONSE SHOULD BE  
AVAILABLE THROUGH YOUR DEFENSE ATTACHE. CHRISTOHER

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## Message Attributes

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